

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A composition comprising an enteral complete feeding solution and from 0.05 to 1.0% by weight C₁₋₁₀-alkyl paraben in combination with 0.1-0.2% by weight of the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of benzoic and sorbic acids.

Claim 2 (original): The composition of claim 1 having a pH is 3-8.

Claim 3 (original): The composition of claim 1 having a pH is 2-6.9.

Claim 4 (original): The composition of claim 1 having a pH>5.5.

Claim 5 (original): The composition of claim 1 in which the alkyl paraben is methyl paraben

Claim 6 (original): The composition of claim 1 in which the alkyl paraben is ethyl paraben.

Claim 7 (original): The composition of claim 1 in which the alkyl paraben is propyl paraben.

Claim 8 (original): The composition of claim 1 comprising 0.1-0.2% by weight alkyl paraben.

Claim 9 (original): The composition of claim 1 comprising the sodium or potassium salts of benzoic and sorbic acids.

Claim 10 (original): The composition of claim 1 further comprising a thickener in a concentration in the range of 0.50% to 12.0% by weight, wherein the thickener is xanthan gum or carrageenan.

Claim 11 (original): An enteral feeding tube system comprising an enteral feeding tube and a composition of claim 1.

Claim 12 (original): The system of claim 11 comprising methyl paraben and the sodium or potassium salts of benzoic and sorbic acids.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A method of inhibiting the growth of *Aspergillus niger*, *Candida albicans*, *Enterobacter cloacae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Lactobacillus delbrueckii* in an enteral complete feeding solution to extend the life of an enteral feeding tube which comprises adding to said solution a composition which comprises 0.05 to 1.0% by weight C₁₋₁₀-alkyl paraben in combination with 0.1-0.2% by weight of the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of benzoic and sorbic acids.

Claim 14 (original): A method of claim 13 wherein the alkyl paraben is methyl or propyl paraben.

Claim 15 (original): A method of claim 13 wherein the combination has a pH of 3-8 and comprises the sodium or potassium salts of benzoic and sorbic acids.